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Letter dated 29 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instruction from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 19 October 2018 from the representative of the Israeli Regime (S/2018/939), I would like to recall my letter dated 3 October 2018 (S/2018/891), in which I brought to your attention that "the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, acting in legitimate self-defence recognized by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, took limited and measured military action on 1 October 2018 in Syria, targeting terrorist elements that are also linked to the terrorist act in Ahvaz. The attack was precise, leaving no collateral damage to civilians and civilian assets in the area".

It is not surprising that the Israeli regime equates targeting terrorist elements to "clearly target and threaten Israel"! They have long been supporting terrorist groups in the region and assisting terrorist acts, including the provision of weapons and logistical support to terrorists in Syria as well as treating their wounded elements.

With respect to the Israeli claim regarding Security Council resolution 2231 (2015), the position of the Iranian Government has already been clarified in detail in my letters dated 9 March 2017 (S/2017/205), 17 August 2017 (S/2017/719) and 29 May 2018 (S/2018/511). Once again, I reiterate that none of the Iranian missiles are "designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons" and thus fall outside the purview of the resolution.

Moreover, it is ironic that the Israeli regime calls for the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) — a resolution that they have publicly opposed and repeatedly violated. Therefore, they should be held accountable for such violations and compelled to stop violating that resolution.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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